

**TESTIMONY OF  
Day Kimball Hospital  
SUBMITTED TO THE  
PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE  
Friday, March 11, 2011**

**HB 6545, An Act Concerning The Provision Of Prophylactic And  
Emergency Care To Hospital Patients**

*Day Kimball Hospital* appreciates the opportunity to submit testimony concerning **HB 6545, An Act Concerning The Provision Of Prophylactic And Emergency Care To Hospital Patients**. Day Kimball Hospital supports this bill.

Day Kimball Hospital is a 104 bed acute care community hospital in Northeast Connecticut and is an integral part of our healthcare network. For the 90,000 members of our communities, we offer high-quality, comprehensive medical services delivered by skilled medical professionals close to home.

In coordination with our affiliated healthcare centers in Danielson, Dayville and Plainfield, Day Kimball offers acute and general medical/surgical care, a 24-hour emergency department, obstetrics, gynecology, pediatrics, hematology and oncology, cardiopulmonary and mental health programs and much more.

***TESTIMONY TALKING POINTS***

- HB 6545 would allow hospitals to utilize protocols and policies, sometimes known as “standing orders” after an assessment for contraindications. Such orders would need to be in accordance with a physician-approved hospital policy; used for care that is emergent, timely and necessary or to advance patient care, and; only as permitted by 42 CFR Part 482, the CMS Medicare Conditions of Participation for hospitals.
- CMS has recently clarified its endorsement of the use of standing orders in a communication to the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP). The communication was in response to an AAP request that CMS clarify the rule on standing orders because many in the provider community, and many state oversight agencies, were under the mistaken impression that standing orders were not permitted.
- HB 6545 will remove any confusion for providers, and for DPH, as to whether Connecticut supports standing orders, and in so doing, move us forward to achieving better care outcomes.